THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) There is no constant low production of pulses and spices except garlic in Maharashtra during the past three years as evident from the enclosed statement (see below).

(c) To increase the production and productivity of pulses and spices in the State, the Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Project and a central sector Scheme for Integrated Development of Spices.

Statement

Production of pulses and spices in Maharashtra from 1994-95 to 1996-97

Production '000 tonnes

CROPS	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Pulses			
Tur	527	627	713
Other Khairf Pulses	644	594	751
Gram	469	376	498
Other Rabi Pulses	59	64	75
Total Kharif Pulses	1170	1221	1464
Total Rabi Pulses	528	440	573
Total Pulses	1698	1661	2037
Spices			
Chillies	59	59	60
Turmeric	9	9	9
Ginger	1	1	1
Garlic	47	46	43

Increasing the production of wheat and rice

1088. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any target for increasing the production of wheat and rice in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the actual contribution made by the States to Central Pool during the last five years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is given below.

(c) A statement is given in the Annexure *[See Appendix 182, Annexure' No. 27]*

Statement

Targets of Production of Wheat and Rice for the year. 1997-98

Sr. No.	State/U.T.	Wheat	Rice
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0.01	110.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.10	1.50
3.	Assam	1.00	33.00
4.	Bihar	45.00	68.00
5.	Goa	-	1.40
6.	Gujarat	11.50	9.00
7.	Haryana	77.00	20.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	6.00	1,30
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	4.00	6.50
10.	Karnataka	2.00	30.00
11.	Kerala	-	13.30
12.	Madhya Pradesh	75.00	60.00
13.	Maharashtra	12.50	28.00
14.	Manipur	—	3.40
15.	Meghalaya	0.06	1.30
16.	Mizoram	—	0.70
17.	Nagaland	0.01	1.75
18.	Orissa	1.00	66.50
19.	Punjab	136.00	74.00
20.	Rajasthan	62.00	1.50
21.	Sikkim	0.20	0.25
22.	Tamil Nadu	—	71.00
23.	Tripura	0.10	5.13
24.	Uttar Pradesh	242.02	101.00
25.	West Bengal	8.00	122.00
26.	A & N Island	—	0.30
27.	Chandigarh	—	—
28.	D & N Haveli	—	0.20
29.	Daman & Diu	—	0.05
30.	Delhi	1.50	0.05
31.	Lakshadweep	—	—
32.	Pondicherry	—	0.87
	TOTAL	685.00	830.00

Pilot project under crop Insurance Scheme

1089. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pilot project of Crop Insurance Scheme which was approved by the Cabinet and announced in the Parliament have been dropped due to non-allotment of funds in the agriculture Budget by the Finance Minister;

(b) if so, as to why the fund for this Project under Crop Insurance Scheme is not allotted in the Budget; and

(c) who is responsible for the anti-farmer policy?